

# Totnes St. John's Weekly Newsletter

**Class:** Year R/ Year I: Walnut

## Home learning

Thank you to Zebb and his Grandma for bringing in some Christmas decorations – they are amazing and make our classroom feel very christmassy!!

We would also welcome any donations of used envelopes or stamps that we can re-use in our post office.

Please also don't forget to ask us for a WOW moment, we love hearing about all the lovely things you are doing at home. Well done Ava for getting a distinction in your tap exam!!

There are still some children with no PE kit in school. Please send this in as soon as possible.

## Class news

We have been busy practising for our Nativity Play this week. All children have a part; speaking or non-speaking. We understand that some children will struggle with the performance at 6pm as it is close to their bed-time, so please do let us know in advance if you will not be bringing your child back for the evening performance so we can make alternative plans.

Balloons, balloons, balloons!!!!..... The children have enjoyed some lovely 'Up' related activities this week. Oscar and Lyla were so excited by the doll's house with balloons attached to it! They used the dolls from the doll's house to be 'Mr Fredricksen', 'his wife' and 'Russell' and made 'Kevin' using the Popoids. The children were able to re-tell the story and write about the character's feelings.

Our Role Play Area is now Santa's workshop! The children have helped to transform this area and we look forward to using it next week!

## Attendance

**Walnut**

**YR/I**

**94%**

**Oak Y2**

**94%**

**Willow**

**Y3/4**

**97%**

**Beech**

*Please ensure your child attends school every day.*

*Every day missed is 6 hours of learning lost.*

## Reflections on the week

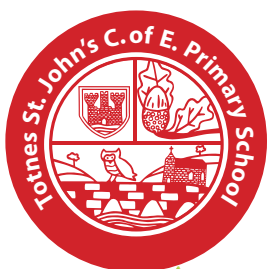
In RE this week, we have read the story of 'The Good Samaritan' and the children have been able to make links to our Learning Journey Question – *How can my words and actions help people in my community?* Calleigh said "the Samaritan helped someone in his neighbourhood" and Mia said "he had kind hands."

## The Week ahead

Monday is Outdoor Learning Day with Mrs Rickard so please remember your Forest School clothes!

During the rest of the week we will be making decorations for the Christmas Fair and the elderly in our community, writing letters in English and exploring subtraction in Maths.

Many of you will have started to meet Claire Platt, the Trust Director of Education. Mrs Platt's role spans all the Trust schools, ensuring that teaching and learning leads to the highest possible outcomes. Claire is increasingly at Totnes St John's working with our teachers on their own training- developing their teaching skills, sharing great practice and identifying new leaders. Claire often works directly with Mr Funnell in supporting teachers and support staff in the school, helping to move forward teaching rapidly for the benefit of all our children.



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